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1. WE SHARE LONG'S VIEW THAT ISSUES RAISED BY BRAZILIAN

PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE TRADING FRAMEWORK IS A USEFUL TOPIC FOR G-18 FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. AS INDICATED REF (B) WE SEE CLEAR ADVANTAGES TO TAKING UP BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL WITH G-18 WHICH WERE, WE BELIEVE, REINFORCED BY RESULTS OF MTN DELS BILATERAL WITH BRAZIL REPORTED REF (C). WE BELIEVE THE G-18 IS THE MORE APPROPRIATE BODY TO DISCUSS AT THIS STAGE THE QUOTE NORMATIVE END QUOTE ASPECTS OF THE TRADING RULES SINCE (A) THE REFORM ISSUE HAS IMPLICATIONS EXTENDING BEYOND THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, (B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN MTN GROUP ON FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY IMPEDE MTN NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY (C) THE G-18 MAY MORE EFFECTIVELY REVIEW THE DISCUSSION ON TRADE REFORM CARRIED ON IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES, AND ASSESS ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GATT. REVIEW BY THE G-18 COULD HELP FOCUS THE DISCUSSION ON THE PERTINENT ISSUES AND CLARIFY THE OPTIONS ON FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT, INCLUDING THE MTN, AVAILABLE TO THE GATT CP'S.

2. WE CONTINUE TO BE NEGATIVE TOWARD A G-18 DISCUSSION OF GENERAL COMMODITY POLICY AND ARE PLEASED LONG SHARES OUR RELUCTANCE TO TAKE IT UP. IF LDC'S PRESS TO HAVE IT ON THE G-18 AGENDA, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT REVIEW OF COMMODITY ISSUES IN LIGHT OF GATT RULES MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE (I.E. MARKET ACCESS/SUPPLY ACCESS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM).

3. WE WILL BE CIRCULATING TO G-18 MEMBERS A DRAFT PAPER ON GATT'S ROLE IN MONITORING TRADE MEASURES TAKEN FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS REASONS PRIOR TO THE NEXT G-18 MEETING. REGARDING THE AGENDA ITEMS ON GATT-IMF RELATIONS AND RECENT TRADE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS, WE WILL BE FORMULATING OUR POSITION PRIOR TO THE G-18 MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY AND CAN ONLY INDICATE AT THIS TIME THAT OUR THINKING REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM THE LAST MEETING. KISSINGER

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